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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

:

ALWIN TIMMERMANN

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated September 11, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIM

Please cancel Claims 1-8, 11, and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite Claims 10 and 15 as shown below. A marked-up copy of the claims is appended hereto.

10. (Amended) A component support assembly for a vehicle door, comprising:

a rigid double-shell box structure, said rigid double-shell box structure comprising a first rigid shell structure and a second rigid shell structure,

said first rigid shell structure comprising a support plate configured to define an open box-like volume,

said second rigid shell structure comprising a support plate configured to be fixedly joined to said first rigid shell structure, such that when said first rigid shell structure

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

Marked-up Copy; Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
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INDEPENDENT	3	MINUS	3	0	× \$84 =	\$0.00
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□ Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00		
		□ Recor	dation of Assignment		+ \$40 =	\$0.00
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- If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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